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FOR AMBASSADOR STRAUSS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, JA
SUBJECT: JAPAN'S EXPORT RESTRAINTS

REF: STATE 183364

1. STATEMENT USHIBA MADE TO YOU IN BONN LOOKS MUCH LIKE
STATEMENTS MADE IN PAST FEW MONTHS BY JAPANESE LEADERS.
IT IS MORE SPECIFIC THAN POLICY ANNOUNCED AFTER RECENT
(TOKYO 11528) ECONOMIC MINISTERS' MEETING WHERE THEY
SPOKE OF KEEPING EXPORTS "AROUND" 1977 LEVELS.

2. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THEY MEAN TO STICK WITH WHAT
USHIBA TOLD YOU UNLESS THERE IS A MARKED SHIFT IN TRADING
PATTERNS. OBVIOUSLY THEY HOPE THAT THE STRONG YEN WILL
DO THE WORK FOR THEM BUT IF THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE WORLD
STILL DEMANDS MORE EVEN AT THE HIGHER PRICES, I FEEL SURE
MITI WILL STEP IN TO HOLD QUANTITIES DOWN.

3. FOLLOWING ARE DATA ON JFY 1977 EXPORTS OF KEY ITEMS.
FIRST QUARTER JFY 1978 (APRIL, MAY, JUNE) QUANTITIES
ARE BELOW QUARTERLY AVERAGES FOR JFY 1977 EXCEPT MOTOR
VEHICLES, AND WE HEAR THAT U.S. DEMAND FOR THEM IS TURNING
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4. THESE ARE BASE DATA FOR JAPAN FISCAL YEAR 1977 ON WHICH
ANY GOJ UNDERTAKINGS TO RESTRAIN EXPORTS IN
JFY 1978 WOULD PRESUMABLY BE BASED:

- CY 1977

- 2ND QTR. 3RD QTR. 4TH QTR
- (A) (B) (C)

IRON & STEEL 8,334 9,110 8,605
(000 TONS)

TV SETS 2,422 2,507 2,226
(000 UNITS)

MOTOR VEHICLES 1,010,685 1,063,809 1,174,089

VESSELS 3,761,608 2,853,814 2,603,058
(G. TONS)

- CY 1978 JFY 1977 CY 1978
- 1ST QTR. FULL YEAR 2ND QTR.
- (D) (A,B,C,D) (E)

IRON & STEEL 7,550 33,599 7,535

TV SETS 1,856 9,011 2,041

MOTOR VEHICLES 1,221,649 4,470,232 1,174,921

VESSELS 2,962,472 12,180,952 2,055,217
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